GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF RETAIL OUTLETS IN VILLAGES IN PUNJAB
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether retail outlets are being set up by different oil companies at the village focal points in Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of retail outlets targeted to be set up date-wise; and

(d) the retail outlets set up so far location-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (d): As per the policy, regular surveys are conducted in the country, including the State of Punjab, for identifying economically feasible locations for setting up of retail outlets and the locations meeting the Volume-distance norms are included in the Retail Outlet Marketing Plan of the Oil Industry.

In addition to the locations pending from the previous Marketing Plans, 154 locations, including 149 focal points have been included in the Retail Outlet Marketing Plan 1999-2000 for setting upretail outlet dealerships in the State of Punjab by the Oil Marketing Companies, viz., Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limitec and IBP Co. Limited.

The locations included in the Marketing Plans are advertised by the Oil Companies for selection of dealers through the Dealer Selection Boards as per prescribed procedure. It generally takes 6-12 months from the date of interview for the commissioning of dealerships.